STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Statement of Legal Newspaper Ownership and Circulation

Return to: Secretary of State, 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5077

1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER		2. DATE OF FILING
The Daily Republic		9-24-2002
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE	**3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY**	**3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE**
Monday Through Saturday	307	$115.00

4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers)
120 S. Lawler, Mitchell, SD 57301

5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers)
120 S. Lawler, Mitchell, SD 57301

6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER:
Noel Hamiel

7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.

FULL NAME	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS
Forum Communications	PO Box 2020, Fargo, ND 58107

8. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES OR OTHER SECURITIES (If there are none, so state. If more space is needed, list on back of this form.
None

9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	12,558	13,066
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.	7,934	8,554
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	4,345	4,234
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)	12,279	12,788
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION 1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS		
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES	74	63
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)	12,353	12,851
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	35	35
2. Return from News Agents	170	180
G. TOTAL (Sum of E, F1 and F2 – Should equal net press run shown in A)	12,558	13,066

I swear that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER
Noel Hamiel, Publisher

State of South Dakota)
s
County of Hanson)

(Seal)

Sworn to before me this 25th day of September, 2002
Kathy Hagaman
Notary Public
My commission expires 10.8.2003

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